

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (new): A device for controlling the opening and closing of a trunk hood comprising a jack having a cylinder linked to vehicle bodywork in a manner free to pivot, and a rod sliding in the cylinder and linked to the hood in an articulated manner at a free end, a control member placed between the hood and the free end of the rod, for detecting a force in a hood closing direction and controlling activation of the jack in the hood closing direction.

Claim 9 (new): The device according to claim 8, wherein the control member is linked to the free end of the rod deformably in translation substantially along a longitudinal direction of the rod between a remote position and a close position, and to the hood, said control member being free to pivot about a pivot pin.

Claim 10 (new): The device according to claim 9, wherein the control member comprises a sliding element that slides with respect to the free end of the rod between a retracted position in which the hood is in a close position with respect to the free end, and an extended position in which the hood is in a remote position from the free end.

Claim 11 (new): The device according to claim 10, further comprising an element for continuously applying a force on the hood pulling it towards said remote position, so as to substantially compensate for the weight of the hood.

Claim 12 (new): The device according to claim 11, wherein the element is a compression element placed between a sliding element and the rod.

Claim 13 (new): The device according to claim 10, further comprising a contact switch for detecting a close position of the hood and controlling activation of the jack in the closing direction of the hood.

Claim 14 (new): The device according to claim 13, wherein the sliding element comprises a pin for activating the contact switch when the sliding element is in a retracted position.